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SZO	Two American Airmen's Tombs near BURGWENDEN	
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		FROM Oct 47 TO Sep 51

I. PREAMBLE:

SOURCE lived in BURGWENDEN (51/14 N, 11/18 E) from October 1947 until January 1953, where he ran a garden and a small farm.

II. TWO AMERICAN AIRMEN'S TOMBS NEAR BURGWENDEN:

During the last part of World War II a four engine US bomber crashed down in the forest BURGWENDEN. SOURCE was not able to give any information on the exact date of this accident. Since he and his family first came to BURGWENDEN in October 1947 he and his dependents had not observed it. He had his information from a friend who then was a burgomaster of BURGWENDEN.

Two dead American Airmen were found in the bomber. They were buried at the expense of the village. The bombs were established at the place where the bomber had crashed down. Reference is made to Inclosure 1, this Report, an Overlay of AMS M 841 (GSGS 4414) Scale 1:25 000, Sheet 4733, of OBERHELDRUNGEN (51/17 N, 11/15 E), on which SOURCE had pinpointed the site of the tomb (Point 1). The tombs were established in a careful and neat manner, furnished with nice oak wood crosses and oak wood fences. The population of BURGWENDEN had taken care of the tombs and planted flowers on them every year. SOURCE had been there the last time in September 1951. In November 1951 the BURGWENDEN forest was declared as a restricted area. Since then the population was not allowed to enter the forest. SOURCE believed that the tombs now decayed, the wreck of the bomber still lies there also.

An American Commission visited the County KOELLEDA (51/11 N, 11/14 E) in 1947. SOURCE did not remember the date. This commission had the purpose of locating and visiting all tombs of American soldiers who had been killed during the Second World War. SOURCE had heard that the commission had visited tombs in some neighboring villages. The population of BURGWENDEN, however, wondered why the commission had not been there. It was generally believed that the two tombs in the forest BURGWENDEN had been forgotten at this occasion.

SOURCE did not remember the names of the two American airmen. They were inscribed on the oakwood crosses. Since the occurrence was filed in the files of the village administration, SOURCE was sure that the names and other personalities could be stated. He named the then burgomaster as knowledgeable on the matter. His address was: Bauer Richard ROESSLER, GROSSMONDRA, Ortsteil BURGWENDEN, Kreis SOEMMERDA-KOELLEDA THURINGIA, SZO. SOURCE pointed out that a letter from an US Officer or from American persons could have severe consequences for ROESSLER. In the case of contacting him, a way over some German person must be found.

1 Inclosure:

Overlay of AMS M 841 (GSGS 4414) Scale 1:25 000, Sheet 4733 of OBERHELDRUNGEN.

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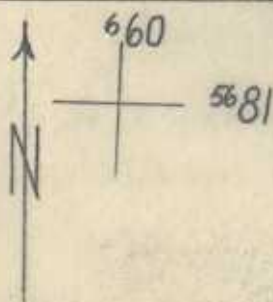
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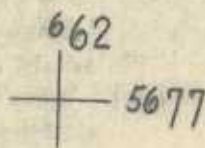
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